Turnaway Study and Economic Outcomes

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So with that introduction, I'm gonna start. Michelle, the turnaround study done by Secular Pro-Life suggests that many women have been denied abortions later, who later no longer wishing they had obtained one. How do you interpret those findings alongside the study's evidence of financial hardship and other adverse outcomes if the abortion is not taken? What conclusions, if you will, Michelle, can we or cannot be drawn from that research?

Michelle Buenrostro

Okay. I just wanted to clarify that Secular Pro-Life did not do the Turnaway Study. We just reviewed it, commented on it. The Turnaway Study was done by a pro-abortion rights group. And what it found was that after being denied an abortion, most women wished that they had never obtained one. That's important to know because it just shows resilience amongst women. And something important to note about the economic findings is that even women who face economic hardship still retrospectively had positive evaluations about being denied an abortion.

Michelle Buenrostro

And this is probably because mothers have stronger feelings about their children than they do about their credit scores. But something important to notice from that study is that the worst economic disparities happen six months after being denied an abortion, however, that gap closed by four years. So that's important to know about that as well.

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